

**Utility Patent**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Bowers, James R.

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                  Instrumentation Flow Element  
                  Tubing

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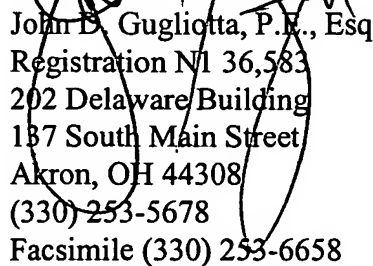
Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

Pursuant to **37 CFR 1.101 (C)** and **MPEP 708.02**, applicant in the above captioned case petitions the Examiner to advance this application (included herewith) in the order of examination based upon the applicant's age, currently being older than 65 years old as attested to in the enclosed Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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